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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAHA 104
E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR JA
SUBJ: DOD WAR FILMS (U)
1. (C) SUMMARY: OKINAWA PREFECTURAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPO-
RATION (OPTDC) HAS ASKED CONGEN ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING
ACQUISITION OF DOD OKINAWA WAR FILMS. CONTRACTOR WILL CALL EA/J.
2. (U) OPTDC HAS ASKED FOR CONGEN'S ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING
THE PROCUREMENT OF DOD FILMS OF THE OKINAWA BATTLE FOR USE IN A
PERMANENT DISPLAY TO BE BUILT NEAR THE REMAINS OF THE FORMER
JAPANESE NAVY UNDERGROUND HEADQUARTERS JUST SOUTH OF NAHA. THE FILM

PAGE 2 RUAOBQA4026 C O N F I D E N T I A L
PORTION OF THE DISPLAY WILL BE PUT TOGETHER BY TOKYO FUKUHARA FILMS
WHICH IS SENDING A TEAM TO U.S. MARCH 17 IN CONNECTION WITH FILMING
A TRAVEL FILM FOR U.S. DEPT. OF COMMERCE. A MEMBER OF THE TEAM,
MASARU ONO, WHO WILL BE DOING THE OKINAWA EXHIBIT, WANTS TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF TRIP TO VISIT WASHINGTON APRIL 5 THRU APRIL 10 TO
MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR OBTAINING THE DOD WAR FILMS. WE POINTED OUT
TO OPTDC THE POSSIBLE DIFFICULTY IN MAKING THESE ARRANGEMENTS ON
SHORT NOTICE AND SUGGESTED THAT ONO CONTACT EA/J AFTER ARRIVING
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3. (U) OPTDC IS AN OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE OKINAWA PREFECTURAL

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GOVERNMENT. GOVERNOR YARA IS ITS EX-OFFICIO PRESIDENT AND REQUEST WAS MADE IN HIS NAME.

4. (C) COMMENT: WE OBVIOUSLY WILL NOT BENEFIT FROM THE DISPLAY OF THESE FILMS BUT OBSTRUCTION OF THE PREFECTURAL PLAN WOULD BE HARMFUL, PARTICULARLY IF THESE FILMS HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE EARLIER TO COMMERCIAL TELEVISION AS OPTDC CLAIMS. WE SEE NO ADVANTAGE IS GOING OUT OF THE WAY TO MEET THIS REQUEST BUT SUGGEST THE MINIMUM DEGREE OF COOPERATION NEEDED TO AVOID GIVING THE IMPRESSION OF OBSTRUCTIONISM.

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